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## Happy Hanukkah!



**W**hat is Hanukkah? As kids, we thought the holiday was about the miracle of the oil, eating latkes, spinning dreidels and giving and getting gifts. Sometimes Hanukkah may have even seemed to be an elaborate effort by the Jewish community to keep up with Christmas celebrations.

In fact, Hanukkah is a victory celebration. It commemorates the Jews' recapture of the Temple in Jerusalem from the Greeks in 164 B.C.E. Although outnumbered, Judah Maccabee and his followers were able to overcome the forces of Antiochus Epiphanes and reassert Jewish identity. The word *Hanukkah* literally means "dedication." The Jews reclaimed the Temple Mount and Jerusalem and rededicated the Temple.

These days it may be a bit uncomfortable to connect to a holiday devoted to military prowess. While we remain attuned to hostile forces facing Israel and Jewish communities around

the world, as Jews in the modern world, we feel distant from the military aspects of the original Hanukkah.

Let me suggest that this year you consider what "dedication" means to you spiritually. What does it mean to keep a tenacious hold on a Jewish faith in the face of overwhelming forces leading you to do otherwise? Surely, Judah Maccabee had easier roads available which he chose not to take. How can we assert and celebrate Jewish identity in this day, in a world where it has never been so easy not to be Jewish?

As you light your Hanukkiah, remember that the rabbis of the Talmud teach that we must place the Hanukkah lamp in the window nearest the street. I think this speaks an important truth about where we should place our Jewish identity – in a place of pride for all to see. We live in a time and in a country where we can take pride in who we are and celebrate our distinctive contribution to American life. Perhaps the best way to "live pluralism" is to embrace who you are in the company of a diverse and common humanity.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy Hanukkah and look forward to celebrating together as a community at our Synagogue celebrations on December 13th!

**Park Avenue Synagogue  
is your community.  
Our clergy is there for you.**



Please let us know when you need us—if someone is ill or in the hospital—or when you want to share your good news: a new baby, a marriage, or other simcha. We want to know; but you have to tell us. Please call the Rabbis' Office at 212-369-2600, x120.

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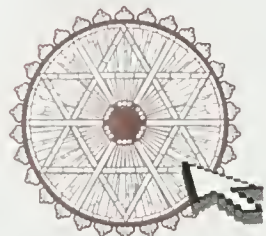
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and other important community news.  
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“It is greater to invite guests than to receive the face of the Divine Presence.” (Mishnah Berurah)



The students of Vivian Nissan's *Gimel* class tell Rabbi Rein how they are learning about *haknasat orhim*.

### The Mitzvah of Hospitality

**A** story is told about the Chofetz Chaim, a prominent 19th century rabbi, who would invite guests into his home whenever possible. Occasionally on Shabbat, he would recite *Kiddush* as soon as he returned from shul and would commence eating immediately. Someone asked why he began eating so quickly, without first singing *zemirot* (Shabbat songs). The Chofetz Chaim replied, “I have guests now, and they are foremost in my mind. The Sabbath angels can wait; they are not as hungry as the guests.”

The mitzvah of *haknasat orhim*, “welcoming guests,” goes back to the earliest roots of Jewish tradition. When three guests arrived at Abraham and Sarah’s tent, the couple immediately sprang into action as model hosts. Our sages teach us to “let your house be wide open” – so that all may enter your home without hindrance and find comfort for their souls (*Pirkei Avot 1:5*). By opening our doors to strangers and welcoming guests into our

home, we renew a sense of connection and belonging. We are all created in the image of God. Welcoming guests into our home, we not only imitate God but invite God to fill our homes with the Divine Presence.

This year, Park Avenue Synagogue is thrilled to be rolling out a new program called ***Reclaiming Shabbat***. Members of the P.A.S. community will be opening their homes and hosting Shabbat dinners for fellow Park Avenue Synagogue congregants. Our first ***Reclaiming Shabbat*** reached out to new members, aiming to welcome them into our community. Our next ***Reclaiming Shabbat*** is scheduled for Friday, December 18 and is open to the entire congregation. If you are interested in hosting or in being invited, please contact Heidi Drassinower no later than December 10 at 212-369-2600, x111. We hope that these Shabbat dinners will provide an opportunity to meet each other, develop friendships, and reclaim Shabbat.

## The World Council of Conservative Synagogues/ Masorti Olami Honors Cantor Nancy Abramson



**A**t the **Masorti Olami 2009 tribute event**, to be held at P.A.S. on December 10, our own Cantor Nancy Abramson will receive the Hiddur Mitzvah award. She is the second cantor ever to be honored by the international organization of the Conservative movement.

Cantor Abramson is a vice president of the Cantors Assembly, the first female officer in the Assembly’s history. She also serves on the executive board of the Zamir Choral Foundation and is a member of the Women Cantors Network. “Cantor Nancy,” as we know her, previously served as cantor at West End Synagogue in Manhattan and Congregation Sons of Israel in Westchester and has been cantor at P.A.S. since July, 1997. She has dedicated her career to sharing the highest levels of cantorial art with her community, through davening, performance and education. A cum laude graduate of the combined program of Columbia University and The Jewish Theological Seminary, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Cantor Abramson earned a master’s degree in music education from

Columbia University’s Teachers College and received her cantorial training at JTS. She has taught prayer and synagogue skills at the Abraham Joshua Heschel School, and has directed the music program at Camp Ramah.

***Mazal Tov, Cantor Nancy!***



## P.A.S. Hanukkah Celebration

Something for Everyone

Sunday, December 13

### All day | **Hats for Hanukkah**

Please bring hats, gloves, and scarves, especially for children ages 8 to 10. The items will be donated to Westchester Jewish Community Services.

### 11:00 am–2:00 pm | **Project Ezra Hanukkah Party**

Men's Club hosts a festive Hanukkah meal for elderly Jews from the Lower East Side. See also page 13.

### 1:00 – 2:30 pm | **Zimriyah Dress Rehearsal for Congregational School Students** | Important to attend!

### 1:30 – 3:00 pm | **Art Workshop with Ellen Alt for all ages** | Make and paint giant Hanukkiyot!

### 1:30–2:30 pm | **Study Session for CS parents and other adults with Rabbi Cosgrove** | Jewish identity in a non-Jewish world

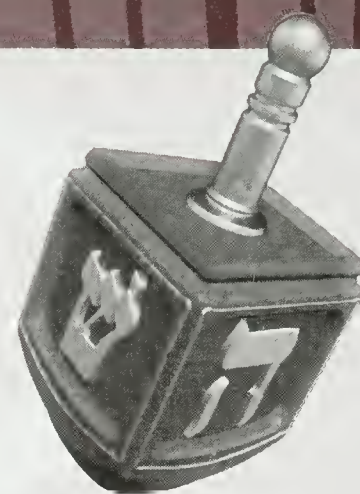
### 2:00–3:00 pm | **Music & Puppetry Program for Toddlers with Jacob Stein & the Bakery Band**

### 3:00–4:30 pm | **Hanukkah Musicale & Zimriyah**

*Lekha Na'eh L'Shabe'ah – Let Our Song Praise God!*

Congregational School students, Youth Choir, Congregational Singers and Cantors Abramson, Rozenfeld and Schwartz all join in a festive Hanukkah concert featuring many musical styles. We conclude with a sing-along and candle lighting.

### 4:30 pm | **Latkes and Sufganiyot** | End the day with delicious traditional Hanukkah fare.



For more details, visit [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).



## Hanukkah Candlelighting

Beginning at the far right, put the candles in the Hanukkiah from right to left, the direction of Hebrew writing. Light the candles from left to right, so each night you light the newest candle first. If possible, place the Hanukkiah in a window, so that it is visible from outside the house.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
אשר קדשנו במצותיו,  
וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melek  
ha-olam  
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav,  
v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel hanukkah.*

Praised are You Adonai, our God who rules the universe, who set us apart by giving us mitzvot, and commanded us to light the Hanukkah lights.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
שעשה נסים לאבותינו  
בימים ההם בזמן הזה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melek  
ha-olam  
sheh asah nissim la'avoteinu  
ba-yamim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You Adonai, our God who rules the universe, who brought about miracles for our ancestors in long-ago times at this season.

\* First Night Only

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם,  
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Barukh atah Adonai, eloheinu melek  
ha-olam,  
sheh-leh-heyanu, v'kiy'manu,  
v'higiyanu la-z'man ha-zeh.*

Praised are You Adonai, our God who rules the universe, granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this time of year.

How  
many  
verses  
to Ma'oz  
Tzur?

There are six! The first five verses begin with the letters מ mem, ר resh, ד dalet, כ khaf, י yud, spelling "Mordechai," the name of the otherwise unknown 13th century author. The first verse praises God as rescuer. Each subsequent stanza refers to a different rescue in Israel's history: liberation from Egypt, the return from exile after the destruction of the first Temple, the rescue from Haman, and the defeat of Antiochus, which we celebrate at Hanukkah. A sixth verse, looking forward to Messianic redemption, was added 300 years later. You'll find the first five verses on page 308 of *Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat and Festivals*. The familiar (but not literal) translation was done by Marcus Jastrow and Gustav Gottheil in the late 1800's.



Friday, December 4 17 Kislev

Candle lighting, 4:10 pm

6:15 pm | **Musical Shabbat Service**

Saturday, December 5 18 Kislev

*Parashat Va-yishlah*

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**

Bat Mitzvah of Jenna Flug,  
daughter of Sheryl & Jeffrey Flug

Naming of daughter  
of Amy & Douglas Schreiber

Naming of daughter  
of Ruben & Ranika Cohen

9:30 am | **Havurah service**

10:15 am | **Junior Congregation**

11:15 am | **Tot Shabbat**

4:45 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

Friday, December 11 24 Kislev

Light 1st Hanukkah candle before Shabbat candles.

Candle lighting, 4:10 pm

6:00 pm | **Mizrach Minyan**

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service  
with Children's Birthday  
Blessings**

Saturday, December 12 25 Kislev

*Parashat Va-yeishev*

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**

Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Fisch, son of  
Allison Schneirov Fisch & Steven Fisch

10:00 am | **Shabbat B'Yachad**

4:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

5:00 pm | **Young Families Havdalah  
Service**

Light Hanukkah candles after Shabbat has ended.

Mon.-Fri., December 14-18 27 Kislev-1 Tevet

7:00 am\* | **Morning Minyan**

\*15 minutes earlier than usual to allow for soying Hallel  
in hanar of Hanukkah

Friday, December 18 1 Tevet

Light Hanukkah candles before Shabbat candles.

Candle lighting, 4:12 pm

5:00 pm | **Young Families Shabbat  
Service**

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Service**

Saturday, December 19 2 Tevet

*Parashat Mi-ketz*

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**

Bat Mitzvah of Maisie Haft,  
daughter of Lisa Birnbach

9:30 am | **Havurah**

10:15 am | **Learners' Service**

4:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

Friday December 25 8 Tevet

Candle lighting, 4:15 pm

9:15 am | **Morning Minyan**

6:15 pm | **Friday Evening Services**

Saturday, December 26 9 Tevet

*Parashat Va-yiggash*

9:15 am | **Sanctuary Shabbat service**

4:30 pm | **Minha/Ma'ariv Service**

## Special Services

Saturdays, December 5, 19 | 9:30 am

**Havurah חבורה**

The Havurah is an informal, lay-led Shabbat morning service. People of all ages and skill levels attend and take turns leading and reading parts of the service.

Friday, December 11 | 6:15 pm

**Birthday Blessings ברכות**

Our celebration for children born this month takes place during the regular Friday Evening Service and includes a small gift for birthday children as well as a festive Kiddush. For more information, contact the Rabbis' office.

Friday, December 11 | 7:00 pm

**Mizrach Minyan מזרח מנין**

The Mizrach Minyan or East Side Minyan meets on the second Friday evening of every month. A spirited group of young professionals, the Minyan aims to combine spiritual davening with meaningful teaching to create a *kehillah kedoshah*, a holy community.



Saturday, December 19 | 10:15 - 11:15 am

**Learners' Minyan לימוד מנין**

Are you curious about Shabbat services? Eager to understand more about the liturgy? Would you like to learn the choreography of a morning service? The Learners' Minyan is for you. It will meet on the third Shabbat of every month. Come learn the Shabbat morning service in a relaxed, intimate group.

Friday, December 18 | 5:00 pm | ©

**Young Families Service and Dinner גן שבת**

Families with children up to the age of 6 (and siblings) join our Clergy for an early Kabbalat Shabbat service followed by a child-friendly buffet dinner and short musical program.

© RSVP required for dinner: 212-369-2600, x140 or [lifelonglearning@pasyn.org](mailto:lifelonglearning@pasyn.org).



Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Steven I. Rein will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor Nancy Abramson, Cantor Elana Cohen Rozenfeld, Cantor Azi Schwartz and the P.A.S. Choir; with Neil Robinson at the organ. **Daily minyanim** Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sunday and legal holidays at 9:00 am. **Minha/Ma'ariv** Sunday-Thursdays at 5:45 pm. Any time changes are noted above. Information is subject to change. Confirm with the Synagogue office or at [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).



### ברוכים הבאים Welcome

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Isabelle Arditi  
Roberto & Eva Aron  
Jason & Mia Bauer

Josh & Stacey Cohen  
Jennifer Falk  
Mitchell & Suzan Hochberg

Ronald Kuzon  
Bradley & Allison Saft  
Melissa Shafton

### בני מצוה B'nei Mitzvah

#### Jenna Flug | December 5

**B**eginning with her babynaming and continuing through the Early Childhood Center and Congregational School, Park Avenue Synagogue has been an important part of Jenna's life. A seventh grader at The Brearley School, Jenna's favorite classes are English and History. She is an enthusiastic member of the volleyball, gymnastics, and softball teams and also enjoys art, ice-skating and playing tennis.

With her happy spirit, Jenna is loyal to her friends and family and is excited to remain involved with the P.A.S. community.



In recognition of becoming a Bat Mitzvah, Jenna is helping to support an art program at the Harlem Children's Zone elementary school where she volunteers.

Jenna is honored to become a Bat Mitzvah and would like to thank her religious school teachers and her family for helping her prepare for this occasion.

#### Samuel Fisch | December 12

**S**amuel Fisch has attended Park Avenue Synagogue since he was two and has attended the Congregational School beginning with Kitah Daled. Samuel is in 7th grade at Horace Mann where he enjoys History, Science and English, as well as running on the cross country team. Samuel loves figure skating, tennis, golf and skiing and also enjoys magic, reading, photography and making movies with his friends.

Samuel is warm and caring, a wonderful son and a terrific older brother to his sister Rebecca. He is excited about traveling



with his family to Israel, where he will celebrate becoming Bar Mitzvah at the Kotel. He is particularly looking forward to visiting the Yemin Orde Youth Village in Israel to which he has chosen to donate his Bar Mitzvah gifts as part of his Mitzvah project.

Samuel is excited to celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Hanukkah, his favorite holiday. Samuel and his family thank his tutor Jonathan Schultz as well as Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Rein and Cantors Abramson, Schwartz and Cohen for their help and guidance in his becoming a Bar Mitzvah.

#### Maisie Claire Birnbach Haft | December 19

**M**aisie Claire Birnbach Haft is an outstanding 12-year-old. She is a gentle and soft-spoken 7th grader at the Spence School. She is a loving younger sister to her older brother Sam and sister Boco.

Maisie has played the violin since kindergarten. While studying and performing at school, she has also picked up the bass as a founding member of the Red Doors, the Spence Middle School rock band. She enjoys her academic work, particularly in languages. This year



she added Latin to her study of French and Hebrew. Maisie's favorite time of year is summer, when she goes to Kamp Kohut.

Maisie has attended Congregational School at Park Avenue Synagogue since first grade. She and her family thank Cantor Nancy and the Rabbis, as well as her tutor, Jonathan Schultz. Maisie is looking forward to her Bat Mitzvah celebration and her most fascinating *parashah* about Joseph and his brothers.



## Pride & Congratulations מזל טוב

Rabbi Steven & Jodi Rein joyfully announce the arrival of Ari Lev on October 8, 2009 [20 Tishrei 5770]. Thanks to everyone in the P.A.S. community for your good wishes. We look forward to introducing you to our son.

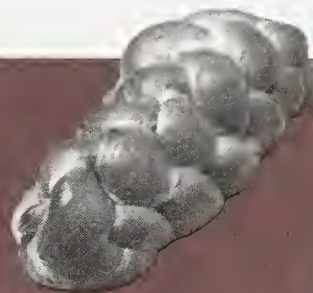
P.A.S. congratulates member **Nancy Burack**, who will exhibit her paintings at the show "On Home Ground – Paintings by Nancy Burack," December 8-19, 2009, in the Grand Gallery at The National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park South, NYC. The Artist's reception is Thursday, December 10, 6:00-9:00 pm. You can preview Nancy's work and contact her through her website at [www.nancyburack.com](http://www.nancyburack.com).

P.A.S. wishes a resounding "Mazal tov!" to **Cantor Elana and Dr. Raphael Rozenfeld**, who were married on November 1.

## Reclaiming Shabbat | Friday, December 18

All members of P.A.S. are invited to have Shabbat dinner with other congregants, either as hosts or as guests. Build friendships and create a warm, friendly Shabbat experience.

If you are interested in hosting or in being invited, please contact Heidi Drassinower no later than December 10 at 212-369-2600, x111. Space is limited.



## A Hanukkah Custom



## A Special Time for Women Hag haBanot

**H**anukkah has special resonance for women. According to some legends, women worked at rededicating the Temple with unusual zeal. Another connection is through the heroine of the Book of Judith, who single-handedly saved her people by outwitting and killing an enemy general. Tradition associates this victory with the Maccabean revolt.

In North African countries, the new moon of the Hebrew month of Tevet, which falls during Hanukkah, was celebrated as *Hag haBanot*, "the Festival of the Daughters." In Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, and Morocco, a variety of customs surrounded *Hag haBanot*. One tradition was that women would come to the synagogue, touch the Torah, and pray for the health of their daughters. Mothers would give their daughters gifts, and bridegrooms would give gifts to their brides. There was also a custom of passing down inheritances on *Hag haBanot*. Girls who were fighting were expected to reconcile on *Hag haBanot*. Women would come together to dance and might have a feast in honor of Judith, eating cheese to remember Judith's subterfuge. (In the story, Judith feeds the enemy general salty cheese to encourage his drinking of wine so that she can kill him once he has passed out.)

From Feast of Lights to Feast of Lots:

## Be part of the Purim Spiel!

While we are basking in the glow of Hanukkah, the Purim Spielers are already preparing for **Purim!** Rehearsals began in November, but it's not too late to join in the merriment. Purim is on Saturday night, February 27, 2010, so make haste to contact Gil Smuskowitz (212-369-2600, x128 or [gsmuskowitz@pasyn.org](mailto:gsmuskowitz@pasyn.org)). Tell him you'll join the cast, and he'll give you

the secret password and tell you the exact time of rehearsals. With a script by Sandy Mayerson and Lisa Rizzi and direction by Cantor Nancy Abramson, this one-night-only, off-Broadway production is sure to be a smash hit. Rehearsals will take place on the following Sundays, as Purim approaches: December 6, 20; January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 21.

## Purim Spiel Rehearsal Schedule:

December 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

February 2010						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

Purim!

If your family would like to incorporate the custom of *Hag haBanot* into your Hanukkah celebrations, find suggestions at [www.ritualwell.org/holidays/hanukkah](http://www.ritualwell.org/holidays/hanukkah) and scroll down to *Chag haBanot* by Rabbi Jill Hammer. The summary above is adapted from her text.



## Moonbeams

**T**he Midrash teaches that Rosh Hodesh, the first day of the Jewish month, is a special holiday for women, given to them because they refused to give their gold jewelry to make the Golden Calf. Nine years ago, members of WEG, Women's Evening Group, decided to celebrate Rosh Hodesh by doing "Moonbeams," a program developed by the Education Department of National Hadassah. It was such a success that the group has continued to meet, developing our own monthly programming.

Moonbeams meets year-round on or near Rosh Hodesh in the living rooms of participants. After refreshments and socializing, the group studies together, beginning from a text that has been mailed to everyone ahead of time. Open to all women of the congregation and community, Moonbeams is multi-generational, which adds to the excitement and reward of making new friends, studying issues related to participants' interests and sharing ideas



and concerns.

There have been many highpoints since Moonbeams began. On one special evening, Cantor Nancy Abramson taught the group how to lay tefillin. Moonbeams has also invited authors, lay leaders and clergy to facilitate discussions of topics affecting women. Moonbeamers come as a group to synagogue-wide programs such as the Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Memorial Lecture, the Shabbaton, and the Eleanore Geringer (a past president of WEG) Memorial Lecture.

Moonbeams' theme this year is "Jewish Women in the Middle Ages." Within this broad topic, specific sessions will be devoted to subjects as diverse as Jewish women's roles in business, women's prayer, and medieval Torah commentaries. Readings will include history, biography and historical fiction.

Curious? Interested? Come! Moonbeams invites all women of the congregation and their friends to join. For more information, please call or email either Joann Rosoff, 212-348-4531, joannrosoff@aol.com or Marga Hirsch, 212-369-2600, mhirsch@pasyn.org.

## Congregational Shabbat Dinner Series



**Shabbat Dinner Series Scholar: Dr. Eitan Fishbane** | December 4 | 7:30 pm | \$ ②

**The Mystical Dimension of Judaism: Kabbalah and the Spiritual Quest**

What is Kabbalah? How does it fit into the broader context of Jewish thought and practice, and how can contemporary Jews draw on the treasures of this tradition in their own spiritual lives?

Dr. Eitan Fishbane is Assistant Professor of Jewish Thought at JTS. His research focuses on the history and literature of Jewish mysticism, from medieval Kabbalah to modern Hasidism. Dr. Fishbane is the author of *As Light Before Dawn: The Inner World of a Medieval Kabbalist* (available in the Edmond de Rothschild Library). He has published numerous scholarly articles as well as essays written for a broader audience.

A theological essay will appear in *New Voices in Jewish Theology*, edited by P.A.S.'s own Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove. Dr. Fishbane is currently at work on a new book project, tentatively titled *Mystical Drama and Narrative Form: The Literary Craft of the Zohar*.



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\$ ② Reservations are required for dinner. \$35/person. Deadline to register: Wednesday, December 2. Please complete form below and return with payment to Department of Lifelong Learning at P.A.S. or email [lifelonglearning@pasyn.org](mailto:lifelonglearning@pasyn.org), or call 212-369-2600, x140. For information, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at x142 or [jandelman@pasyn.org](mailto:jandelman@pasyn.org).

Number of people attending/\$35 each: \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed/authorized: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (include apt.#): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day, evening): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ My check is enclosed (payable to Park Avenue Synagogue) in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Or charge my (check one): ☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ AmEx

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card number/Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I authorize use of my credit card currently on file with P.A.S.



# Come In, and Make Yourself at Home!

Rachael First & Marlene Muskin

**A**s the Officers who oversee Membership and Arms, we want P.A.S. members to connect with each other, the Clergy and Judaism in meaningful ways. Clergy, staff and lay leaders all work tirelessly to offer a variety of services, classes, films, lectures, concerts, and other events, so that each of you will find something enticing on the schedule. At the end of this article there is a list of the "Heads of Arms," as you'll hear them called. Please keep the list in a convenient place. When you've decided how you want to become involved, call the synagogue (212-369-2600) and leave a message for the appropriate person.

In the first two months of this year we continued successful programs as well as introducing new ones. Read through this Bulletin to see the breadth of our programming. Here are some highlights:

## Adult Classes

In the list of Adult Classes & Events on pages 10-11 you'll see daytime and evening classes in Jewish theology, synagogue skills, and all levels of Hebrew language. The Florence Melton Adult Mini-School at P.A.S. began in October; it is a two-year program which generated so much excitement, that enrollment had to be capped. If you're not in the program, consider signing up for Year One next fall.

## "Reclaiming Shabbat"

Another new initiative this year is matching congregants to have Friday evening Shabbat dinner together in each other's homes. In October, for the first of these dinners, congregants welcomed new members as a way of helping them learn about our Synagogue. The second "Reclaiming Shabbat" dinner, open to all members, will take place on Friday, December 18 (see page 7).

## Community-wide Events

November featured the annual Book Fair & Hanukkah Boutique sponsored by the Congregational School's Parents' Association and our annual Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day, organized by the Tikkun Olam Committee. We thank everyone who supported both these events. Watch for future Parents' Association events, including a Passover Candy sale, and consider becoming an active member of Tikkun Olam. See below for whom to contact.



## The Months Ahead

The P.A.S. calendar is full of opportunities, from this month's Shabbat Scholar (see page 8) to our annual Gala on March 13, to our celebration of the 25th Anniversary of our remarkable High School Food Pantry at Shabbat services on April 3, to our annual Tiny Treasures event on May 21, when we will celebrate children's first birthdays as a community with a special service and blessing.

Keep reading the Bulletin and checking the P.A.S. website, [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) for announcements of future programming. If you are not yet on the P.A.S. email distribution list, email Lynn Schneider at [lschneider@pasyn.org](mailto:lschneider@pasyn.org) and ask her to add your name. You'll receive a weekly list of "What's Happening at P.A.S.," as well as timely announcements and alerts about special events.

Do something new this year. Come to a service, take a class, host a Shabbat dinner, perform in the Purim Spiel, dance and celebrate P.A.S. at the Gala. Anyone on the following list will be glad to welcome you and help you find what you seek.

## P.A.S. Arms Contacts

### Congregational School Parents' Association

Pamela Hirsch

Elizabeth Lewis

### Early Childhood Center Parents' Association

Jennifer Hoine

Jennifer Kroman

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Evelyn Gelman  
Susan Lerner

### Young Couples Group

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An integrated list of opportunities for adult learning and programs at P.A.S. Classes and events with no other sponsor listed are offered by the Department of Lifelong Learning. For complete information about classes and events, including registration information, please refer to the **Fall 2009 Program Calendar** or to the P.A.S. website, [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).

## Weekly Classes

### Monday

- 6:30 – 7:30 pm | **Beginning Siddur Hebrew** | Dina Mann  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm | **Intermediate Conversational Hebrew** | Andi Meiseles  
 6:30 – 7:30 pm | **Synagogue Skills** | Cantor Elana Cohen Rozenfeld  
 7:30 – 9:00 pm | **Advanced Conversational Hebrew** | Varda Hubara  
 7:45 – 9:00 pm | **Beginning Conversational Hebrew** | Andi Meiseles

### Tuesday

- 8:00 – 9:00 am | **Essential Essays** | Rabbi Cosgrove  
 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | **Contemporary Jewish Thought** | Rabbi Rein

### Wednesday

- 6:45 – 9:00 pm | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**

### Thursday

- 9:15 – 11:30 am | **Florence Melton Adult Mini-School**  
 12:00 – 1:00 pm | **Lunch & Learn** | P.A.S. Senior Staff

### Friday

- 8:00 – 9:00 am | **Talmud Torah** | Rabbi Rein

### Shabbat Dinner Series

December 4 | Dr. Eitan Fishbane | \$ ①

### The Mystical Dimension of Judaism: Kabbalah and the Spiritual Quest

\$ ① Make dinner reservations by Tuesday, December 1, by returning the registration form on page 8, or by emailing [lifelonglearning@pasyn.org](mailto:lifelonglearning@pasyn.org) or by calling Renatt Brodsky at 212-369-2600, x140.

For background on Dr. Fishman please turn to page 8.

got melton?

the florence melton  
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### Women's Torah Study Group

### Evenings of Learning

Monday, December 14 | Rabbi Julia Andelman | ①

① For location and time, contact Julia at [jandelman@pasyn.org](mailto:jandelman@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x142.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 14 | 8:00 pm  
 in the Rothschild Library  
 Pat Davidson, Moderator  
 The book is *All Other Nights* by Dara Horn. The book for January is *Songs for the Butcher's Daughter* by Peter Manseau. Regulars and newcomers, all are welcome!  
 Sponsored by the Rothschild Library

### Daytime Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 21 | 11:00 am  
 in the Rothschild Library  
 Dr. Renée Waldinger, Moderator  
 The book is *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit* by Lucette Lagnado. Regulars and newcomers are all welcome to join in the discussion of this moving memoir of a Cairo Jewish family forced to abandon their possessions, flee Egypt and adapt to life in America. Sponsored by Sisterhood and by the Rothschild Library

### Moonbeams

Thursday, December 17 | 7:30–9:00 pm  
 Sponsored by WEG  
 For location and to receive reading in advance, contact Joann Rosoff at [joannrosoff@aol.com](mailto:joannrosoff@aol.com). See the article on Moonbeams on page 8.

### Yiddish Club

Tuesday, December 22 | 1:00 pm  
 Sponsored by Sisterhood

## Monthly/Bimonthly Events





P.A.S. Film Series | Tuesday, December 8

### **My Mexican Shiva**

Post-film discussion moderated by Jason Oppenheimer, Director of Youth Activities and Rabbi Judah Nadich High School.

Sisterhood Film and Hanukkah Party:

### **Broadway: The American Musical, Part 1**

Tuesday, December 15 | 1:00 pm

Celebrate Hanukkah with a light latke lunch and enjoy a delightful account of the composers, lyricists, entertainers, directors, and producers – many of them Jewish – who first lit up Broadway with shows like *The Ziegfeld Follies* and *Showboat*.



P.A.S. Gallery

### **Park Avenue Synagogue Artists Show Continues:**

#### **Ellen Alt, Alan Davidson, Karen Glanternik, Karen Smul**

Park Avenue Synagogue is privileged to be the congregational home to a number of talented artists. This Fall/Winter, the P.A.S. Gallery presents the creativity of a diverse group of artists, whose choices of mediums, materials, and styles convey the vitality and range of contemporary art. This exhibition inaugurates a series of shows in the coming years that will showcase the work of artists who are esteemed members of the P.A.S. community.

**Ellen Alt**, Artist-in-Residence, expresses her imagination through multi-layered collage and mixed media works that have been exhibited internationally and are in the collection of the White House.

**Dr. Alan Davidson's** oeuvre as a gifted silversmith includes innovative Jewish ceremonial art and jewelry that have been exhibited in major Jewish museums.

**Karen Glanternik's** expertise in faux finishing and design is reflected in her renowned painted furniture and objects that have been auctioned at Sotheby's and published in *House Beautiful* and *House and Garden* magazines.

**Karen Smul's** powerful photography encompasses documentary, landscape, and portrait works, including images of Park Avenue's clergy, milestone events, and art collection, that have been widely exhibited and published.



### **Men's Club Board Meeting** | Thursday, December 3, 2009 | 7:00 pm

All are invited to come and help plan our events, including the Super Bowl Party.

Young Couples Group

### **3rd Annual Latke-Vodka Hanukkah Party**

Hosted by Emily and Nathan Gindi in their home

Thursday, December 10 | 7:30 pm | \$ ②

\$ ② Please RSVP to Leigh Schwartzreich at [rsvpycg@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpycg@gmail.com).

For more information about the Young Couples Group, please contact Jessie Harris at [jessieharris4@gmail.com](mailto:jessieharris4@gmail.com).

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# Derech Eretz or Torah? – Being a Mensch or Acquiring Knowledge?

Rina Moscovitz

P.A.S. Gan, Alef, & Bet Teacher

**I** believe being a teacher is a calling. Being a Jewish Educator in the P.A.S. Congregational School is an even greater calling. At the beginning of each school year, I think of the phrase from *Pirkei Avot*, *Ha-zman katzar v'ha-m'lakhah merubah*, “Time is short and the work is plentiful.” Preparing our lesson plans every year, we all wrestle with the question, where do we begin? Do we start with the Jewish subjects we want our students to learn and experience, or do we devote time to laying down the first building blocks of *Derech Eretz/Menschlichkeit* within our students?

Our choice is not easy. During Sukkot, Rabbi Rein taught our students that each of the *arba minim* – the lulav, myrtle, willow, and etrog – may be compared to a different type of person. The etrog, which has both taste and fragrance, is like a Jewish person who has learning and does mitzvot, the kind of person we all strive to be. As Jewish Educators, our goal is for our students to be like the etrog; to do good deeds and also to understand their Jewish heritage.

The Mission Statement of the Congregational School emphasizes both study and *derekh erez*. All Jewish areas of study are of equal importance. *Tefillot* (prayer), *brakhot* (blessings), Bible, holidays, *mitzvot* and Israel are all part of our enriched curriculum. We strive to give our students Jewish experiences through the *siddur* (prayer book) and through oral and written Hebrew, as well as through dance, music and art activities. It is a lot to cover, and it feels urgent to begin.

We find guidance in *Pirkei Avot*, in a teaching from Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah: “When a person’s wisdom exceeds his good deeds, to what may he be compared? To a tree with many branches but few roots. A wind blows, uproots it and topples it over... However, when a person’s good deeds exceed his wisdom, to what may he be compared? To a tree with few branches but with many roots. All the winds of the world may blow against it, yet they cannot move it from its place.”

## Children's and School Program Schedule

Tuesday, December 1 | 5:00 pm | **Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed–Rabbi Rein**  
| 7:00 pm | **Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday, December 2 | 4:00 pm | **Town Hall Meeting**  
| 5:00 pm | **Mitzvah Initiative Parent Ed–Rabbi Cosgrove**

Saturday, December 5 | **CS classes and Junior Congregation.**  
10:15–11:00 am | **Nitzanim**

Monday, December 7 | **NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher conferences**

Tuesday, December 8 | **NO SCHOOL - Parent/Teacher conferences**

Saturday, December 12 | **NO SCHOOL**

Sunday, December 13 | **CS Zimriyah** See page 4 for P.A.S. Hanukkah Celebration schedule.

Monday, December 14 | **Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program**

Thursday, December 17 | 5:30–7:00 pm | **Vav B'nei Mitzvah program**

Saturday, December 19 | **CS classes and Junior congregation**

Monday, December 21 | **Winter Break begins**

Monday, January 4 | **School resumes**



Rina Moscovitz and Alef 306 students point to their Mensch tree.

With our youngest students, therefore, we begin the school year with the concepts of *Derekh Eretz* and *Menschlichkeit*. We discuss the concepts and engage the students on their level. We mention the many ways they can behave with *Derech Eretz*, can be a *Mensch*, whether in class, school, synagogue, or at home. We encourage our students to be aware of their own behavior by writing each *menschlich* deed they do on a paper apple and hanging it on our “Mensch tree.” The “Mensch deeds” they do can be holding the door open for a classmate or giving food to a hungry person on the street. We involve parents in the learning experience by inviting them to class to share stories of Mensch

deeds they have performed with their children. We create art work together that records one of the Mensch deeds each family is particularly proud of.

Once that foundation is laid, we can begin to delve into the Jewish curriculum. We move ahead knowing that we are molding a Jewish soul who is a part of this community, and who is curious to learn about our Jewish roots. In addition, at all times we are striving to be compared to the etrog, with taste and fragrance, as well to a tree with fewer branches than roots, withstanding hardships and bearing fruits.

Rina Moscovitz was the 2006 recipient of the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education.





## Congregational School Begins Planning Process

**T**he excellence of our Congregational School is one of the many ways that Park Avenue Synagogue has always been at the forefront of New York and American Jewish life. To ensure that the school continues as a leading model of supplementary Jewish education, P.A.S. has embarked on a process of evaluation, visioning, planning, and renewal. A Board-appointed committee, led by Susan Silverman, will guide a process to identify the school's strengths and weaknesses, understand the needs of P.A.S. families, and recommend a dynamic model for the school's future. Renowned Jewish education consultants Dr. Susan Shevitz and Dr. Naava Frank will be observing the school and providing advice on best practices in supplementary school education. The transformation of the school will take time to complete, but the goal is to begin implementing the new model by Fall, 2010.

As part of the planning process, a combination of focus groups, surveys and open Town Hall meetings will take place in the next weeks. Members of the congregation, especially parents of current CS students, are encouraged to participate in this critical community conversation. Please complete and return any surveys you receive, and make every effort to attend a Town Hall meeting, either on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 pm or on Wednesday, December 2, at 4:00 pm.

## Youth Activities and Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

Jason Oppenheimer, Director

### Teen Volunteer Opportunities

If you need community service hours, or you would simply like to spend quality time having fun with friends and doing something great, come on over to P.A.S. In addition to the activities listed below, there are always opportunities to help the Synagogue. To assist in the Rothschild Library, contact Marga Hirsch at [mhirsch@pasyn.org](mailto:mhirsch@pasyn.org) or x127. To assist in the Department of Lifelong Learning, contact Rabbi Julia Andelman at [jandelman@pasyn.org](mailto:jandelman@pasyn.org) or x142.



### Project Ezra Hanukkah Party | Sunday, December 13 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

The days are getting shorter, the trees are bare, and the air is cold! Warm up with Hanukkah spirit! If you're a high school student, volunteer at the annual Project Ezra Hanukkah Party. The Rabbi Judah Nadich High School will collaborate with the P.A.S. Men's Club to serve a Hanukkah meal and provide entertainment for dozens of Jewish Seniors. Project Ezra is an independent, non-profit organization which provides a variety of services to the frail elderly on the Lower East Side. Clients include more than 400 largely homebound senior citizens who are economically, physically or psychologically marginal. We look forward to having an awesome time with these special visitors, but it won't happen without *you*. Tell Jason you'll be there. See him in person on Wednesday, email [joppenheimer@pasyn.org](mailto:joppenheimer@pasyn.org), or call 212-369-2600, x141.



### Food Pantry

Packing Food | Every Wednesday | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Food Distribution | Every Friday | 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Our incredible team of teen leaders continues to make the Food Pantry a project this community can be proud of. We can always use more volunteers! We hope to see you there!

### Youth Lounge Wednesdays

Every Wednesday there is High School | 3:45 – 4:55 pm

In conjunction with the Rabbi Judah Nadich High School, Wednesday afternoons are times for hanging out in our 4th-floor Youth Lounge. Students are welcome right after school to enjoy the comfy couches, video/board games, movies, wireless internet access, and plentiful snack food. Students who want a quieter place to study are welcome in the Rothschild Library.



### Kadima Goes Bowling

Sunday, December 6 | 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Kadima is going to Chelsea Piers for a great afternoon of strikes, spares, and hopefully not too many gutter-balls. However our scores turn out, we're sure to have a great time!



**Keep in Touch.** Questions, comments, or concerns? Please contact Jason at any time. Call 212-369-2600, x141, or email [joppenheimer@pasyn.org](mailto:joppenheimer@pasyn.org).



UJA @ P.A.S. is a new committee formed to promote cooperation and collaboration between the synagogue, UJA-Federation and its many beneficiary agencies. Our goal is to promote a culture that encourages Gemilut Hasadim throughout the synagogue's programs.



### What is UJA?

UJA-Federation, with its network of over 100 agencies, cares for those in need, rescues those in harm's way, and renews and strengthens Jewish people in New York, Israel and around the world. Check this column in each month's Bulletin to learn more about UJA-Federation.

### Give a Mitzvah – Do a Mitzvah

UJA-Federation's Give a Mitzvah – Do a Mitzvah program gives youngsters preparing for their B'nei Mitzvah an opportunity to support a variety of social action projects. In lieu of receiving gifts for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah, these young men and women ask for donations to the projects that each of them has chosen. A number of P.A.S. students have participated in this program in the past, and many are participating this year.

For more information about UJA-Federation's Give a Mitzvah – Do a Mitzvah program, please contact Brittany Wayne at 212-836-1460.

### Beyond Mitzvah Day...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Vicki K. Wimpfheimer Mitzvah Day. The UJA-Federation agencies that received items or volunteers are very appreciative. They included DOROT, Jewish Home and Hospital, Jewish Home Lifecare, and the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty. At the P.A.S. Hanukkah Celebration on Sunday, December 13 (see page 4), we will be collecting hats, gloves and scarves for less fortunate children in the broader Jewish community as we participate in UJA-Federation's Hats for Hanukkah program.

### Social Worker for Seniors and Caregivers

Whether you or your family member is looking for food, friendship, companionship, shopping assistance, medical appointment escort, volunteer opportunities or caregiver support, P.A.S. members and their friends are urged to contact Katie Weinberger, a licensed social worker made available to us through DOROT, a UJA-Federation agency. Katie is at P.A.S. on Thursdays from 10:00 am–2:00 pm.

For more information or to make an appointment at the synagogue or in your home, contact Katie Weinberger at 212-769-2850 or [Kweinberger@dorotusa.org](mailto:Kweinberger@dorotusa.org), or Rabbi Rein at [srein@pasyn.org](mailto:srein@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600, x124.

### Looking for Assistance During These Difficult Economic Times?

Employment and career counseling, financial consultation, debt counseling, budget assistance, legal services and personal counseling are available to individuals in the Jewish community (at no charge) through UJA-Federation's Connect-to-Care initiative.

To reach a Connect-to-Care counselor, please call (212) 399-2685, x206.



UJA-Federation of New York's  
**connect-to-care**  
The Jewish community at work for you

Do you know someone ill,  
elderly or homebound?

The P.A.S. **Bikur Cholim Caring Committee** reaches out to those in need through telephone calls, visits, and holiday packages. The Caring Committee's trained volunteers are committed to providing confidential hands-on support and companionship to the members of our congregation.

To arrange for this mitzvah, please call Rabbi Cosgrove's office at 212-369-2600, x120. In loving memory of Dr. Albert and Phyllis L. Cornell.

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## Kol Nidre Appeal 2009/5770

**O**n behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, I would like to thank all those who have donated to our annual Kol Nidre Appeal through October 21, 2009. Your generous gifts support the spiritual renewal and sense of community at Park Avenue Synagogue led by Rabbi Cosgrove and our other inspiring clergy.

We hope you found the High Holy Day season meaningful, enjoyable and inspirational, and that you are taking opportunities to be involved in the life of our synagogue community throughout the year.

The annual Kol Nidre Appeal is one of the most important synagogue-wide fundraising campaigns that we conduct, and the funds that are raised help the synagogue operating budget in countless ways. This year we are under new financial pressure because:

- **Membership dues account for only 40% of our \$9.25 million operating budget; tuition accounts for another 39%; leaving 21% to be raised in other ways.**
- **We have important capital expenditures that are necessary to preserve and improve our facilities.**
- **The economic situation has put financial pressure on many of our members and it is up to the rest to support our synagogue.**

More than ever, we need your generous contributions. It is very important that all congregants participate in this annual appeal.

Again, our heartfelt thanks to those who have already given, whose names are listed below. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to make a Kol Nidre pledge, we look forward to hearing from you.

B'shalom,



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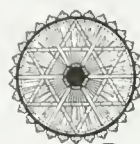
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Dr. Kirk Zachary & Susan Smirnoff, *for Yizkor.*





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> 19 Kislev  11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal 2:00 pm Kadima Bowling	<b>7</b> 20 Kislev 9:30 am JAMS CS Parent-Teacher Conferences 6:30 pm Hebrew & Prayer classes	<b>8</b> 21 Kislev 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought CS Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00 pm Film: <i>My Mexican Shivah</i>	<b>9</b> 22 Kislev  6:45 pm Melton classes	<b>10</b> 23 Kislev 9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm YCG Latke/Vodka Party	<b>11</b> 24 Kislev Candle lighting, 4:10 pm 1st Hanukkah candle	<b>12</b> Sat 12, 25 Kislev <i>Parashat Va-yeishev</i> 2nd Hanukkah candle
<b>13</b> 26 Kislev 3rd Hanukkah candle P.A.S. Hanukkah Celebration 11:00 am Project Ezra party 1:00 pm Zimriyah Rehearsal 1:30 pm Art Workshop 1:30 pm Adult Study Session 2:00 pm Music & Puppetry 3:00 pm Musicals and Zimriyah Candle lighting & Sing-along 4:30 pm Latkes & Sufganiyot	<b>16</b> 27 Kislev 4th Hanukkah candle 7:00 am Morning Minyan 9:30 am JAMS 7:30 pm Women's Torah Study 8:00 pm Evening Book Discussion Group	<b>17</b> 28 Kislev 5th Hanukkah candle 7:00 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 1:00 pm Sisterhood Film: <i>The American Musical</i>	<b>16</b> 29 Kislev 6th Hanukkah candle 7:00 am Morning Minyan 6:45 pm Melton classes	<b>17</b> 30 Kislev <i>Rosh Hodesh</i> 7th Hanukkah candle 7:00 am Morning Minyan 9:15 am Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Moonbeams	<b>18</b> 1 Tevet <i>Rosh Hodesh</i> Candle lighting, 4:12 pm 8th Hanukkah candle 7:00 am Morning Minyan 8:00 am Talmud Torah 9:30 am <i>HaMishpachah Sheli</i> 5:00 pm Young Families Shabbat Service & Dinner 6:15 pm Friday Evening Service 7:00 pm Reclaiming Shabbat	<b>19</b> 2 Tevet <i>Parashat Mi-ketz</i> 8:45 am <i>Parashat HaShavua</i> 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 10:00 am Shabbat B'Yachad 4:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv Service 5:00 pm Young Families Havdalah Service
<b>20</b> 3 Tevet 11:00 am Purim Spiel Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 4 Tevet  No JAMS CS Winter Break begins	<b>22</b> 5 Tevet 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought 1:00 pm Yiddish Club	<b>23</b> 6 Tevet  HS Winter Break begins No Melton classes	<b>24</b> 7 Tevet No Melton classes 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn	<b>25</b> 8 Tevet Candle lighting, 4:15 pm Offices closed 9:00 am Morning Minyan 6:15 pm Friday Evening Services	<b>26</b> 9 Tevet <i>Parashat Va-yiggash</i> 8:45 am <i>Parashat HaShavua</i> 9:15 am Sanctuary Service 4:30 pm Minha/Ma'ariv Service
<b>27</b> 10 Tevet <i>Fast of the 10th of Tevet</i>	<b>28</b> 12 Tevet No JAMS 6:30 pm Hebrew & Prayer classes	<b>29</b> 12 Tevet 8:00 am Essential Essays 11:30 am Contemporary Jewish Thought	<b>30</b> 13 Tevet No Melton classes	<b>31</b> 14 Tevet  No Melton classes No Lunch & Learn	ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED ON THE DAY THEY OCCUR.  <b>Daily Minyanim</b> Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.  <b>Minha/Ma'ariv</b> Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.	





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## A Look Ahead

### Save the Date:

January 22 – 23, 2010

### Shabbaton: Israel and Her Neighbors

Our annual Shabbaton will focus on Israel in her geo-political context. We will learn from Dr. Kenneth W. Stein, Professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History and Israeli Studies at Emory University; Gershom Gorenberg, Israeli historian, author, journalist, and expert on the Settlements; and Dr. Stephen P. Cohen, founder of the Institute for Middle East Peace and Development and a major behind-the-scenes influence in several of the most important and successful peace initiatives in the Middle East. Ambassador Michael Oren invited.

Save the Date  
March 13, 2010

## Park Avenue Synagogue *Gala 2010*

*Opening our doors! Welcoming you in!*

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